

**MINUTES OF THE  
JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors held a Work Session on Thursday, February 23, 2023 in the Board Room on the third floor of the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center located at 100 LaVilla Center Driver, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ray Driver, Abel Harding, Arezou Jolly, Aundra Wallace and Stephanie Burch.

**JTA STAFF PRESENT:** Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., Cleveland Ferguson, Greer Gillis, Charles Frazier and Katie Smith.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Richard Milian, General Counsel

**I. WELCOME:** Vice-Chair Driver called the Work Session to order at 1:05 p.m. He acknowledged that Chair Buckland will be joining the work session virtually as she was called out of town. He will oversee the work session at the Chair's request.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Vice-Chair called for Public Comment. There were no requests by the public to comment.

**III. SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE:**

**a. Briefing – Paratransit and Alternative Service Delivery:** Mr. Frazier stated that his presentation is to share information related to an item that will come to the Board for action at the meeting following the work session. He then provided the Board with overview of the Procurement process to select the company for the Paratransit and Alternative Service Delivery (P-22-036) Contract.

Mr. Frazier shared the details of the existing contracts for the Connexion, Connexion Plus, ReadIRide, Express Select and Clay Community Transportation services and how going forward these services will all be included in one contract. He also shared the timeline to implement each of the services to come under one umbrella.

During the presentation, the Board and Staff discussed ridership, hours of operation, On Time Performance and the quality improvements for customers and the community. The Board inquired about connecting with business to assist their employees, as well as the

selection committee to determine the ranked shortlist for contracts to move to the Board for approval.

The Board and Staff also discussed fares and the structure that was put in place with Board approval several years ago to have an automatic evaluation of fares every two years. However, due to the pandemic, that process was suspended but staff is now looking at what would be the appropriate adjustments. The Board will receive additional information once the Fare Study is complete in the next few months.

Mr. Frazier concluded his presentation by stating that staff will bring the recommendation for Board to approve the ranked shortlist and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter in to negotiations with the number one ranked firm. The final contract will come back to the Board for approval to execute the contract after negotiations conclude.

**IV. ROUNDTABLE:** Mr. Ford advised that Mr. Ferguson had an item related to real property to brief the Board on.

Mr. Ferguson stated that there is a potential opportunity for the JTA to acquire real property adjacent to the Myrtle Avenue Operations Campus which is shown on the handout provided to the Board. This will allow a reduction of stress for the crowded parking on the Operations Campus for service vehicles. Negotiations are ongoing and after due diligence staff will provide the Board with an update.

Vice-Chair Driver announced for the record that his firm represents the owner/seller of this real property.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Debbie Buckland, Chair

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Abel Harding, Secretary